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New Email address:

Since publication of the handbook, we have changed our electronic mail address. To contact any HPSP/FYGME staff member, please write to us at

UME@OTSG.

WELCOME!

On behalf of Colonel Raines, (Director), COL Mascette, (Deputy Director) and the rest of the Medical Education staff, we would like to extend a hearty welcome to all of our new Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) students. You will find that Army HPSP will be a rewarding and exciting experience. By now, all first year students should have received a welcome letter from this office, if not, please contact our office and we'll be sure to send one out to you.

****IMPORTANT** NEW HPSP RECIPIENTS**

All new HPSP recipients, regardless of the discipline, will be required to pre-enroll in our new web-based application. You may begin pre-enrolling effective 1 June 2001. To access the website, please visit our web page at www.mods.army.mil and choose Education from the menu and follow additional instructions.

HPSP/FYGME Merger

In July 2000, HPSP and First Year Graduate Medical Education (FYGME) merged into one single office. Ms. Rosemary Harris, Program Manager, and Ms. Lisa Capers, Student Services Supervisor, are the managers of this newly created office. This office now handles the operation of both the HPSP and FYGME Programs. Ms. Harris, Ms. Capers and their staff are located at the address shown in the last page of this newsletter.

Staff Directory for the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Division

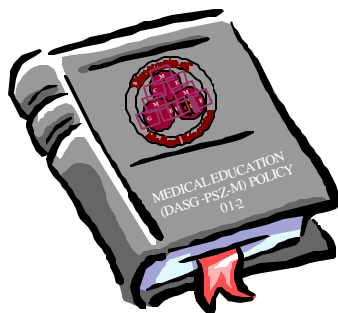
COL Mascette, Dep Dir/
Chief, UME Division
Ms. Harris, HPSP/FYGME
Program Manager
Ms. Capers, Student Services
Supervisor
Mr. Kemp, Student Advisor
(A-K)
Ms. Jones, Student Advisor
(L-Z)

We're moving Again!!!



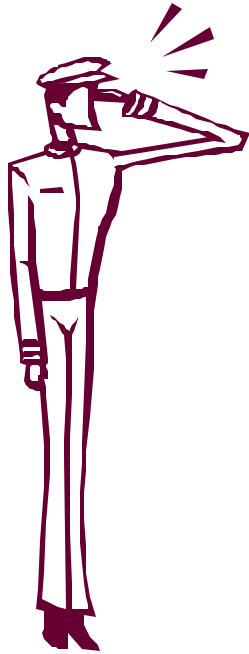
This time to a bigger and better office. Effective April 5, 2001, the Medical Education Directorate will relocate its three offices into one centralized location. Our phones will be interrupted briefly on April 5th so that phones can be physically moved to their new location and ensure proper connectivity. Disruption will be minimal to our customers but we do ask for patience as we put things back in order. The only change is the room number which changed from room 596 to room 691.

Handbooks



The year 2001 version of the Student Handbook (DASG-PSZ-M) Policy 01-2 is now available. The format is the same as last year's which featured chapter headings, two pages of program highlights printed on colored paper at the front of the handbook and a Highlights page, which opens each chapter. Under-

standing that it's a difficult task to read the entire handbook, we urge all students to read the Highlights pages and refer to the detailed chapters for questions. If you have NOT received your handbook, please phone or email the HPSP/FYGME office to request one and/or to update your address.



Officer Basic Course

Attention Medical and Dental Students!

First year medical and dental students are reminded that attendance at the Officer Basic Course (OBC) is mandatory and are automatically scheduled to attend. The course will be conducted during the period June 18-July 27, 2001. In mid January, we sent a letter to all first year students regarding conflicts with attendance at the OBC. It states that you may be excused from attending ONLY if it interferes with your academic curriculum (Dean's certification on

the ADT request form must be filled out). Other justification, which prevents a student from attending OBC, is annotated in Chapter 4 of the handbook. Attendees will automatically be provided military orders to attend OBC. There will be an automatic advance of \$1,000 deposited to each attendee's account. Second year students or those who received a waiver from attending OBC last year should complete an ADT request form to attend OBC this summer.

Active Duty Training (ADT) Requirements

Do you want to keep your ADT pay? All students who perform ADT must complete and provide DA Form 3924 (Individual Active Duty Certificate of Performance) located in your student handbook. The form must now be sent to the Student Management Office within five working days after completing an ADT tour anywhere, even ADT at school. Our office will provide the form to finance. If the form is not received, your ADT order will be revoked, all military pay and allowances will be collected and the four days accrued leave will not be paid.

Immunizations

All students who perform ADT at military hospitals must get some immunizations at their schools before you arrive for ADT. So plan ahead. The completed Hepatitis series (3 shots) is preferred and should be completed, if possible, according to schedule prior to arriving at a medical treatment facility to perform ADT. Students must have documentation of two childhood doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) or documented immunity for all three diseases. Without MMR documentation, immunization is required prior to arriving at a medical treatment facility to perform ADT. Influenza is required and may be obtained at the medical facility where ADT is performed when seasonally available (October-February). If you do not have a history of Varicella, you must obtain this immunization in advance or upon arrival at the medical treatment facility where ADT is performed, if it is available. Costs associated with these immunizations are reimbursed under the cost data worksheet.



Active Duty Training Opportunities: Attention Medical Students!

This begins the season for planning clinical ADT rotations for end of 3rd/beginning of 4th year in preparation for the Selection Board for Class of 2002. Clinical rotations remain an extremely important factor in program directors' scoring for the order of merit list. For more popular rotations, you may want to start planning schedules now for this summer's rotations. Remember that the first point of contact is the Medical Education Office at the ADT training site; phone numbers appear in the student handbook and on the hospital's websites.



Army Flight Surgeon Primary Course—anyone who's thinking about doing ADT on this may refer to Chapter 4 in the handbook or by contacting our office for eligibility requirements. Details of the course may be obtained through MAJ Gaul, Course Director, or LTC McKeon, Education Branch Chief, or you can visit their website at <http://192.138.48.104>.

A 4-week clerkship in Aviation Medicine is also available at the Army Aeromedical Center.

For second year students who have an academic break between 2nd and 3rd years, there are some unique research rotation opportunities: scan the level 2 ADTs in Chapter 4 of the current version of the Handbook. These ADTs are designed for the student who has not yet started clinical rotations and include opportunities at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (all in the metro DC area) and the US Army Aeromedical Research Lab at Fort Rucker, AL. These rotations can provide a way of applying basic science skills to the clinical arena.

Class of 2002

Third year students who would like some idea of what to expect for the 2002 FYGME/ERAS application process for training beginning 2002, may go to our home page at www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcen/meded. The information that is currently published in our homepage is geared toward the current 4th year students. However, there is valuable information (Letter of Instruction (LOI), application, ERAS information, timelines, etc.) and a list of requirements necessary for the application process. The actual LOI for the 3rd year students will be posted in our homepage and will also be sent out to each third year student sometime in June 2001.

Joint Service GME Selection Board (JSGMESB)

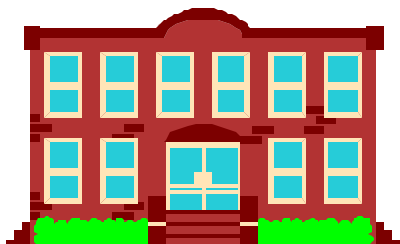
The JSGMESB met in Arlington, VA in November and results were released on December 13, 2000, with formal notification letters mailed out December 15, 2000. The match was quite successful and 85% of the students matched to Army FYGME positions. We are pleased to say that 84% of those who matched to Army positions received their first or second choice. The next JSGMESB will be held 26-30 November 2001. Statistics for the 2001 class will be posted in our homepage sometime in the Spring.



FYGME ORDERS/PCS MOVE

By now, each 2001 medical school graduate should have received a copy of their Request for Orders (RFO). The RFO can be used to make transportation arrangements for your move. You should receive your actual orders from late March through May, or at least 30 days prior to your report date. Contact your local recruiter's office for assistance about your move or to find out the nearest transportation office in your area. Some of you may have received your welcome letter from your gaining unit (select hospital). The welcome letter is packed with in-processing and personnel information which should answer most of your questions. If you have not received your welcome letter, you should call the Graduate Medical Education (GME) office or the program of the gaining command to obtain one. There are documents you will need to provide to make in-processing and your move a smooth transition.

School Visits



Throughout the course of the Spring semester, Drs. Raines and Mascette travel to the various participating schools to meet with ROTC and HPSP students. Regrettably, with over 150 participating medical schools, they cannot visit every school. However, we hope to try to meet many of you, talk about life as an AMEDD Officer and answer any questions you may have. For those whom we can't visit in person, we welcome your questions of an academic or professional nature

directed to Dr. Mascette (medical) or to the professional POC listed on page 5. Some of the States or cities that will be visited in the next two months include: Indiana, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland, Carolinas, St Louis, Minneapolis and New York. If you would like to meet with either Drs. Raines or Mascette, contact your local Health Care Recruiter to obtain details of their visits.

Address Change or Change in Personal Status:

Help us to better serve you and keep you informed of what's going on. Every month our office receives numerous letters or electronic messages returned to us because they are undeliverable. We also make numerous telephone calls only to get "no longer in service" recordings. If you have a change in your address, phone number, marital status, name or state of residency, please contact us. It is good practice to verify your information with the HPSP Technicians each time you contact them. As you know, it is your responsibility to keep us



apprised of any changes to your address, phone numbers and e-mail address. Not doing so may lead to interruption of entitlements.



REMINDERS:

USMLE/ COMLEX /NBME



Boards: This is a good time to remind each of you in the medical and dental programs about licensure exam requirements. Fourth year medical and dental students are reminded that the deadline for providing results of Part 2 of the USMLE/COMLEX/NBDE is already past. If you have not been granted a waiver, and have not yet taken Part 2 of the Board, you risk interruption of your entitlements. First and second year medical and dental students are reminded that results for Part 1 of USMLE/COMLEX/NBDE are due by August 31st after completion of the second academic year. Results for Part 2 of the USMLE/COMLEX are due by October 15th after completion of the third academic year. Results for Part 2 of the NBDE are due by January 15th during your 4th year. These timelines hold true regardless of whether your school holds similar requirements for the boards, so plan ahead!

Change in Academic Status/Failed a Course or Board: Contact us immediately and ask what your options are. Failure to contact our office to update a change in your academic status, to include dismissal from school, could result in legal actions being administered for attempting to defraud the government..

Physical Exams (PE): It is a requirement to remain in HPSP and to apply for FYGME, that students have a current physical exam on file. An exam is current if the date completed is less than five years old and there have been no significant changes in the student's health. If there has been a significant change in your medical condition since the accomplishment of that medical examination, you must notify this office. If you need to schedule a physical, contact your local recruiter for assistance.

Attention Graduating Members:

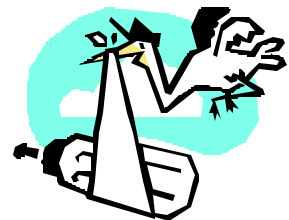
Entitlements are automatically terminated as of May 10th unless you advise us of a later graduation date. You should also contact your health care recruiter to ensure you are reappointed to the appropriate higher rank on graduation to receive higher pay when reporting for active duty. Be sure to keep a copy of the new oath of office you must take during the reappointment process. There may be a pay gap between the termination of your entitlements upon graduation and the start of your active duty pay.

Transcript/Diploma - once you graduate from medical school, you need to provide a certified true copy of your final transcript to this office. You will also be required to provide your medical school diploma and transcript to your gaining command, so you should bring extra copies with you.



ARMY PEDIATRICS

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Residency Opportunities

In each issue of this newsletter, we will be featuring a short article of specialties available for training for PGY1. Unfortunately, we are only able to capture a couple at a time due to space constraints. In time, we hope to capture all specialties. Let us know what you think about these articles. If you have any suggestions or would like to see a certain specialty featured, do contact us, we'd love to hear from you.

Army Pediatrics has a proud history dating back over 50 years.

Army Pediatricians have served with distinction in every war since World War II. The first Military Pediatric Residency was founded at Brooke Army Medical Center in 1946. This history is discussed in detail in an article in the journal Pediatrics Vol. 103 No.6 June 1999 pages 1298-1303. Currently there are about 100 active duty general pediatricians serving in 22 Army Community Hospitals around the world. In addition, there are over 60 Pediatric Subspecialists serving at the 4 Army Pediatrics tertiary care/training hospitals. These training hospitals are located in San Antonio, Texas (Brooke Army Medical Center integrated with Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center-SAUSHEC), Washington DC (Walter Reed Army Medical Center integrated with Bethesda Naval Hospital-NCC), Tacoma Washington (Madigan Army Medical Center) & in Honolulu Hawaii (Tripler Army Medical Center). All these centers have Pediatric Residency training Programs as well as 1-5 fellowship training programs in the areas of Adolescent Medicine, Developmental Pediatrics, Neonatology (3), Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Disease, Endocrinology and Gastroenterology. Training in other pediatric subspecialties is available in civilian fellowships. Exciting careers are available in Army Pediatrics that combine clinical pediatrics, subspecialty training, academic pediatrics, clinical research, leadership positions & opportunities in operational military medicine. For more information on Army Pediatrics visit the Army Pediatric Web Site at www.armypediatrics@amedd.army.mil or the consultant in Pediatrics to the surgeon general at john.roscelli@amedd.army.mil.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Internal Medicine and its subspecialties represent the largest group of physicians in the country, with over 25% of all graduating students entering this field. Internists are specialists in adult medicine, and are concerned with total patient wellness from prevention chronic illnesses. We are trained to pro-office setting all the way to the ICU set-ential diagnosis, in problem-solving, in eases, and in coordinating all aspects of a ants to others to help diagnose and man-An Internal Medicine residency lasts three ics, inpatient wards, ICU's, electives, pro-and a personal panel of patients for whom

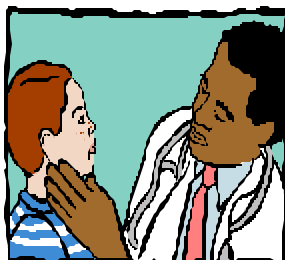


to diagnosing and treating acute and vide the entire range of adult care, from the ting. Internists possess expertise in differ-management of complicated chronic dis-patient's care. We often serve as consult-age puzzling or difficult clinical problems. years and rotations include outpatient clin-iciency at a large number of procedures, you will provide continuity of care.

Army Internal Medicine training is available at our six largest MEDCEN's---EAMC in Augusta, Georgia; BAMC in San Antonio, TX; WBAMC in El Paso, TX; MAMC in Tacoma, WA; TAMC, in Honolulu, HI; and WRAMC in Wash., DC. Army Medical Subspecialty fellowships are available in areas including Cardiology, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Gastroenterology and many others. Graduates of Army Internal Medicine residen-cies consistently score well above national averages on examinations, and our graduates are nearly 100% board certified after their first examination. Our national organization is the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM), and offers free student membership with many benefits. They can be reached at acponline.org, and also have additional information at www.doctorsforadults.com. Our chapter's website will soon be updated, but please feel free to call me at 910-907-6359, or e-mail at nathan.erteschik@amedd.army.mil for any further information.



FAMILY PRACTICE



"Have you considered a career as an Army Family Physician? As an FP, you enjoy a full range of practice, from OB/GYN, to Peds, to Psychiatry, etc. Days can run the gamut of taking care of an MI in the morning and delivering a baby in the afternoon. You get the opportunity to truly know your patients and their families, and the satisfaction of providing true primary care for them.

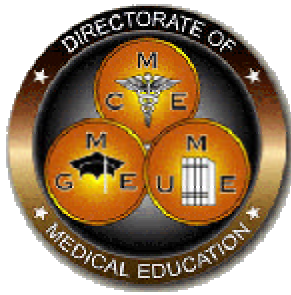


We have sites throughout the world, from medical centers to clinics to assignments in field units jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. You can learn lots more by contacting the FP Consultant, Colonel Joe FitzHarris, at joseph.fitzharris@amedd.army.mil, or calling him at (210)-221-2935. Also, visit the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians website, at www.usafp.org/core.htm for more info. We'd love to hear from you!

HPSP CONSULTANTS

All students in HPSP have a Health Care Discipline Consultant. If you need career guidance or counseling, please contact one of the following Consultants based on your discipline.

Medical – COL Mascette
1-877-MED-ARMY
Dental – COL Leeds/COL Storz
(703) 681-3033/3037
Veterinary – COL Vroegindewey
(210) 221-6564 (TX)
Optometry – COL Kluckman
(703) 681-3152
Psychology – COL Crandal
(210) 221-8909 (TX)
Nurse Anesthetists – COL Allison
(253) 968-1070 (WA)



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MEDED STAFF DIRECTORY

The following is the listing of the Medical Education Directorate. You can reach any of the individuals below using our TOLL FREE number at 1-877-MEDARMY, menu choice is listed to the right.



| | <u>Menu Choice</u> |
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| COL Raines, Director | 5 |
| COL Mascette, Deputy Director/Chief UME Division | 5 |
| <u>GME</u> | |
| Ms. Pfeiffer, GME Program Manager | 3 |
| Ms. Woolen, GME Mgmt Specialist | 3 |
| <u>UME</u> | |
| Ms. Harris, HPSP/FYGME Program Manager | 1 |
| Ms. Capers, Student Services Supervisor | 1 |
| Mr. Kemp, Student Advisor | 1 |
| Ms. Jones, Student Advisor | 1 |